(c) by when all the district headquarters are expected to be linked with STD system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The names of the district headquarters in the country State wise which are linked with STD system as on 30|6|1986 are given in a statement (Annexure A) laid on the table of the House. [*See* Appendix CXXXIX Annexure No. 108]

(b) and (c) All the remaining district headquarters as listed in a statement (Annexure 'B') are proposed to be linked with STD facilities during the 7th plan period subject to availability of equipment and resources. [*See* Appendix CXXIX Annexure No. 109].

Tyre Corporation of India

*349. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proper management board with full time directors has not been constituted for the Tyre Corporation of India so far;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the total accumulated loss so far incurred by the Corporation and the reasons therefor.

(d) what are the details of the production and percentage of capacity utilisation during the year 1985 and the first half of the year 1986; and

(e) what measures are being taken to reconstitute the management board with full time Directors?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a), (b) and (e) The Tyre Corporation of India Ltd. was incorporated as a new company in 1984 by nationalising two sick units namely National Rubber Manufacturers Ltd. and Incheck Tyres Ltd. A Five-Member Board was constituted by drawing upon personnel of another public sector undertaking to initially start the functioning of the company. Selection for appointment of regular Managing Director has been made and necessary action for constitution of the Board is in process.

(c) The total accumulated loss of the company till 30.6.1986 is Rs. 1642.15 lakhs. This is mainly because of old and dilapilated machinery, insufficient infrastructure and excess workforce.

(d) A statement is annexed. [*See* Appendix CXXXIX Annexure No. 110].

Delimitation of constituencies

*350. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Election Commission had recommended fresh delimitation of constituencies on the basis of 1981 census; if so, when;

(b) whether the recommendations continue to be under consideration and waiting for consultations to be made with political parties; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to ensure that the delimitation is completed before the next census in 1991?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ASOKE KUMAR SEN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Election Commission had given the recommendation in 1981.

(b) Government had examined the proposal and decided to introduce the Constitution (Forty-ninth Amend-

ment) Bill, 1983 seeking to amend articles 82 and 170(3) of the Constitution to facilitate fresh delimitation. The Bill was not however proceeded with in view of the representations received and, the position that it would not have been possible to complete fresh delimitation well in time for the general elections to Eighth Lok Sabha.

(c) The question of fresh delimitation of constituencies on the basis of latest census data continues to be under the consideration of the Government. This forms a part of the set of proposals relating to electoral reforms and final decision would be taken after consulting political parties, etc.

Revision of rates of Royalty of Natural gas

*351. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 179 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st July, 1986 and state:

(a) by when all the existing contracts relating to supply of gas to various industries will expire;

(b) whether Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao Commission suggested any norms for the revision of rates and royalty after, April, 1971; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if the Commission did not suggest any such norms, whether Government have evolved any, if so, what are the details thereof and if not, whether it is felt necessary to fix some rational norms for the purpose of revision of rates and royalty on natural gas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Existing contracts of ONGC will expire on different dates; the last one would expire on 31.3.1991.

(b) and (c) Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao Commission did not go into the question of royalty. As regards rates of natural gas, it had only suggested that a new price should be fixed for the next five year period beginning with April 1971 after undertaking a thorough review of the actual position regarding output, outlay, and demand during the period covered by the award. The question of fixing up of prices of natural gas for various consumers is under the consideration of the Government.

Performance targets for Public Sector Industrial Units

*352. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed any performance targets, for 1985-86 and 1986-87 separately, for those Public Sector Industrial Units which are incurring losses; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) and (b) The details of performance targets for 1985-86 and 1986-87 in respect of Public Enterprises incurring losses under the Ministry of Industry are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXXXIX Annexure No. 111]

Increase in Coal price

*353. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the price of coal;